

H5077-78, H5080-81, H5085-86, H5102-03, and H5103. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **NATIONAL CHEESE EXCHANGE— PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry and the Subcommittee on Risk Management and Specialty Crops held a joint hearing to consider issues raised by a recently released study of trading practices and procedures on the National Cheese Exchange. Testimony was heard from Alan Tracy, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### **COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND THE JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held a hearing on the Secretary of State. Testimony was heard from Warren M. Christopher, Secretary of State.

### **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the D.C. Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Andrew F. Brimmer, Chairman, D.C. Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority.

### **LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

### **SECURITIES AMENDMENTS OF 1996**

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 3005, Securities Amendments of 1996.

### **ELECTRICITY REGULATION**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Power held an oversight hearing on Electricity Regulation: A Vision for the Future. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **FEDERAL AGENCY ANTI-LOBBYING ACT**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Held a hearing on H.R. 3078, Federal Agency Anti-Lobbying Act. Testimony was heard from Senator Stevens; Representative Tauzin; J. Davitt McAteer, Acting

Solicitor General, Department of Labor; Robert Nordhaus, General Counsel, Department of Energy; May Lou Keener, General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs; Joseph B. Dial, Commissioner, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; Jonathan Cannon, General Counsel, EPA; Robert P. Murphy, General Counsel, GAO; Lou Fisher, Senior Specialist, American National Government, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; HISTORY OF ARMENIAN GENOCIDE**

*Committee on International Relations:* Favorably considered and amended the following resolution and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that it be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 154, to congratulate the Republic of China on Taiwan on the occasion of its first Presidential democratic election.

The Committee also held a hearing on the History of Armenian Genocide. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 3396, Defense of Marriage Act. Testimony was heard from the following members of various State Legislatures: Terrance W.H. Tom, Representative, Hawaii; Edward Fallon, Representative, Iowa; Marilyn Musgrave, Representative, Colorado; Ernest Chambers, Senator, Nebraska; and Deborah Whyman, Representative, Michigan; and public witnesses.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action a measure relating to PTO Government Corporation, Reexamination of Patents, Publication of Patent Applications, Prior Domestic User Rights, Patent Reexamining Reform, and Investor Protection Rights.

The Subcommittee failed to approve H.R. 359, to restore the term of patents.

### **FISH AND WILDLIFE ACTIVITIES AND MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Held an oversight hearing on U.S. Fish and Wildlife activities and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Brewster; from the following officials of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior: Robert Streeter, Assistant Director, Refugees and Wildlife; and Monty Halcomb, Director, Law Enforcement; Charles Williams, Senator, State of Florida; Brent Manning, Director, Department of

Natural Resources. State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

## BUDGET RESOLUTION

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule, providing no further general debate, and that H. Con. Res. 178, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1997 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, shall be considered as read. The rule provides for consideration of only those amendments designated in section 2 of the resolution which may be offered only in the order designated, may be offered only by the Member designated or a designee (except that if no Member offers the amendment designated in paragraph 3 of section 2, then that amendment shall nevertheless be considered as pending at that point), shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment.

The rule makes in order three amendments in the nature of a substitute that are: (1) an amendment to be offered by Representative Payne of New Jersey, or a designee (2) an amendment to be offered by Representative Orton of Utah, or a designee and (3) an amendment to be offered by Representative Sabo of Minnesota, or which may be offered by any Member, or which shall be considered as pending. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments designated in section 2.

The rule provides that the adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute shall constitute the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment. The rule provides that after the conclusion of consideration of the concurrent resolution for amendment, there will be 40 minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget.

The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except amendments offered by the chairman of the Committee on the Budget to achieve mathematical consistency. The concurrent resolution will not be subject to a demand for a division of the question. The rule provides that if H. Con. Res. 178 is agreed to allocations of spending and credit responsibilities in House Report 104-575 shall be considered as the allocations otherwise required by section 602(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. However, upon adoption by the Congress of a concurrent resolution on the budget, this shall cease to apply. Finally, the rule provides that rule XLIX (establish-

ment of statutory limit on the public debt) shall not apply with respect to the adoption by the Congress of a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1997. Testimony was heard from Chairman Kasich; and Representatives Sabo, Stenholm, Orton, Meek of Florida, Owens, and Sanders.

## MINIMUM WAGE AND ENTRY-LEVEL EMPLOYMENT

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on small businesses and entry-level employment opportunities, with emphasis on the minimum wage and other proposals for increasing entry-level employment opportunities. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## SMALL SATELLITES

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Small Satellites. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1996

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on the New Independent States, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the United States Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of State, 2 p.m., S-146, Capitol.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,* Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine NASA's Mission to Planet Earth program, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 621, to designate the Great Western Trail for potential addition to the National Trail System, H.R. 531, to designate the Great Western Scenic Trail as a study trail under the National Trails System Act, S. 1049, to designate the route from Selma to Montgomery as a National Historic Trail, S. 1706, to increase the